

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL 5720 INTEGRITY DRIVE MILLINGTON TN 38055-0000

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CAPT David F. Tuma, USN (Ret) USNA-At-Large, LLC 2758 S. Ives Street Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Captain Tuma:

SUBJECT: YOUR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUEST

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request submitted to the U.S. Naval Academy (USNA). You seek records reflecting how the USNA appoints or allows its DOD personnel to be appointed to NFEs. Your request, and one document identified by USNA which was generated by this command, were received in this office on March 6, 2018, has been assigned FOIA correspondence file number CNPC20180289 by this command.

A releasable copy of the document provided to this command for release determination is attached. The redacted portions of the released documentation, including redactions made by both the USNA and this command, are exempt from disclosure under FOIA exemption 6 [5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6)]. Release of such information would be a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of Commander Gourdine and other identified individuals.

Because your request is partially denied by this command, you are advised of your right to appeal this determination in writing to the Office of the Judge Advocate General, OJAG Code 14, 1322 Patterson Avenue SE Suite 3000, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5066.

If an appeal is deemed necessary, it must be received in that office within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter, in order to be considered. To expedite an appeal, you should enclose a copy of this letter and a copy of the original request along with a statement regarding why your appeal should be granted. The letter of appeal and the envelope should bear the notation, "FOIA/PA APPEAL."

I am the official responsible for the partial denial of your request. Should you wish to discuss the processing of your request, you may contact the undersigned at (901) 874-3165.

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You may also contact the DON FOIA Public Liaison, Christopher Julka, at Christopher.a.julka@navy.mil or (703) 697-0031.

You may also contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) as they provide a voluntary mediation process for resolving disputes between persons making FOIA requests and the Department of the Navy (DON). For more information go to https://www.archives.gov/ogis/about-ogis/contact-information.

Sincerely,

D. P. GERMAN FOIA/PA Officer

By direction